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Re: Philip Morris Incorporated
British Patent Appln. No. 40138/71
Your Folio No. A. 18002 - TR/PBM
Our File No. 582-736 Great Britain

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Dear Sirs:

In answer to your letter of September 14, 1973 with regard to the above-identified British patent application, we have the following comments to make.

In the first place, the corresponding United States application will issue as U.S. Patent No. 3,771,533 on November 13, 1973. The claims which will be in the issued patent are the claims which were sent to you with our letter of July 20, 1973. The prior art cited in connection with the United States case includes the following:

246,975	Philips
1,719,291	Federmann
1,789,435	Hawkins
1,996,797	Dreyfus
1,927,984	Krensky et al
2,085,052	Taylor
2,461,942	Ten Broeck, Jr.

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3,006,805	Waggoner
3,524,451	Frederickson
3,575,178	Stewart

Copies of the prior art are attached hereto for your review, in the event that you feel such review is necessary.

We feel that including the moisture content in the claims is a good thing to do, but we have no objection to having open-ended provisions with regard to the amounts of ammonia and carbon dioxide in a broadest claim, if you feel that is appropriate. We think it important that there be a claim which provides coverage for the process involving the addition of ammonia first, followed by carbon dioxide, since such a process is the preferred form of the present invention and emphasis of this preferred form would be desirable, although we do not wish to restrict the case to the same.

If you require any further comments from us, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Howard K. Kothe

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